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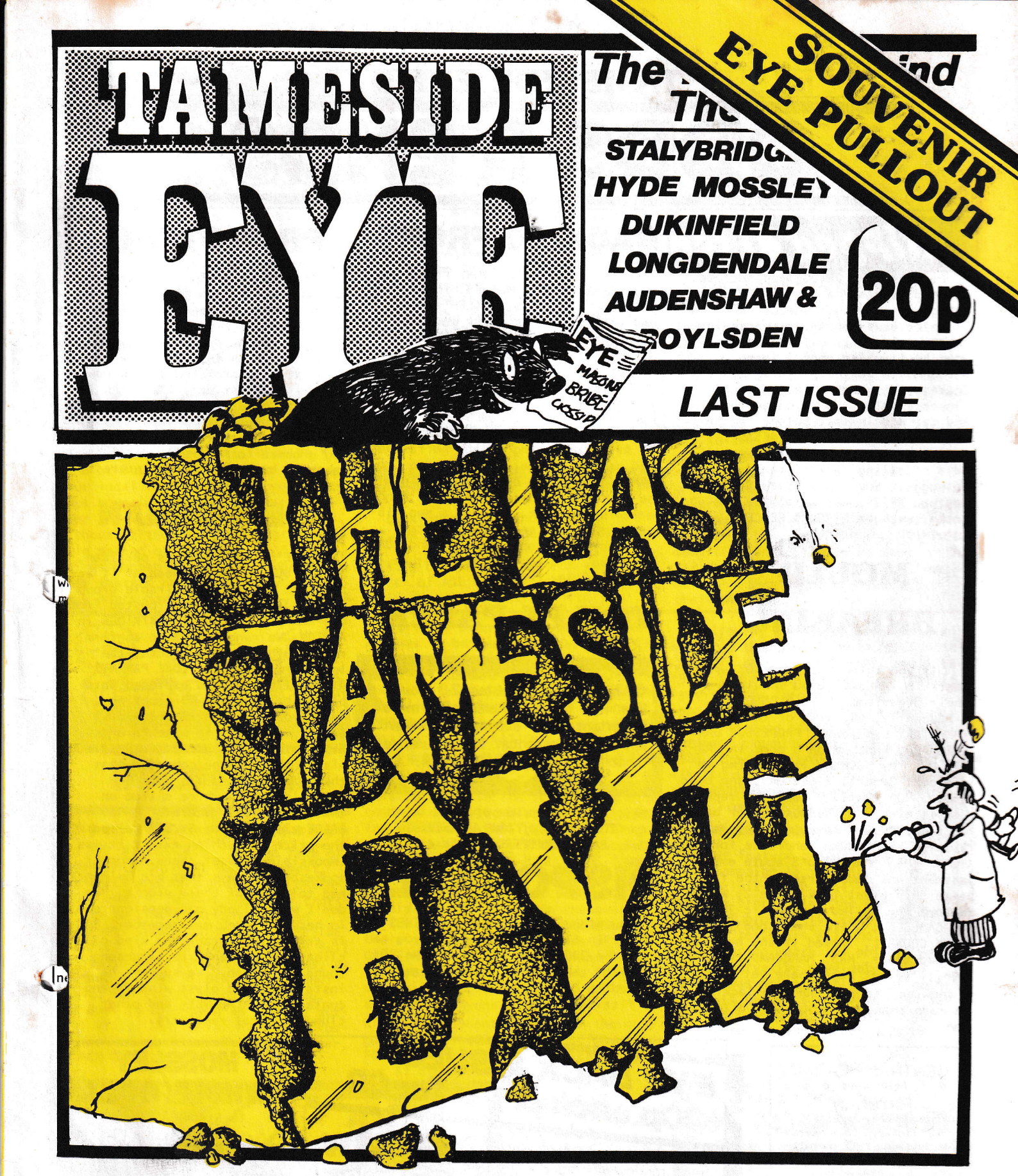

APOLOGY

"In our issue of October 1982, we published an article concerning Mr. N.A.Leon Howard and Helico (Manchester) Limited. We are asked to make it clear and we fully accept that Mr. Howard is a fully qualified Commercial Pilot and that any criticism which the article may have suggested about his competence as a Pilot, his regard for the safety of others and his integrity are wholly without foundation. The allegations we made against Mr. Howard and Helico (Manchester) Limited are unreservedly withdrawn and we apologise for the distress and embarrassment caused by the article in question"

TAMESIDE EYE'S

ODDS & ENDS

slipped disco

Perhaps SHADYBRIDGE has been so renamed because of the shady goings on therein. One of our intrepid news-hounds was wandering through the district in question when he stumbled upon a large Rolls Royce in the vicinity of Shades, the noisy nite-spot. A closer examination revealed that the car did in fact belong to the owner of Shades, one P. JESSOP. An even closer examination revealed a startling lack of tax disc. We suggest you use a GUINNESS label instead PETER. After all no one looks twice at a ROLLS ROYCE, ..do they?

MOULD BREAKING

If you think that the SDP are nowhere in TAMESIDE, you should see their organisation in GLOSSOP.

Recently, the wife of the SDP PARLIAMENTARY Candidate, PROFESSOR DAVID MARQUAND, knocked on a door in HADFIELD. "My husband is standing in the next General Election", she bubbled. "Oh really," came the reply, "so is mine.". Thehouseholder happened to be Mrs. Wilcox, wife of Dave Wilcox, the LABOUR Candidate for HIGH PEAK. MRS. MARQUAND'S acute embarrassment was made worse by the fact that this event took place 2½ weeks before she polled a pathetic 162 votes in GAMESLEY, where she stood for HIGH PEAK COUNCIL. Asked if she had canvassed there, MRS. MARQUAND replied "Oh, I've not been there yet". Thus showing that the SDP are lacking in more than just political direction.....!

BACK TO FRONT

We rang local National Front supremo FRANK DAWBER to ask him if, in this the month that HITLER's diary was unearthed, his party would be fielding a candidate in the local elections. FRANK told us that he's no longer in the NF.

We've also had yet another boring letter from one-time NF Parliamentary hopeful ANTHONY D. JONES. But his latest effort is rather different.

After reporting Police harrassment and making derogatory references to JAMES ANDERTON's awesome boys in blue he says this about himself: "I'm not a raving Marxist. I think a neo libertarian would be more accurate!"

With DAWBER not involved and JONES confused, the neo Hitlers must be in search of new fuhrers.

TOILET PAPER

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This little gem was spotted in an April Edition of the ADVERTISER. Only BRAIN CHATTERDON need apply.

DISPOSABLE

If you happen to be on the BRUSHES ESTATE in STALYBRIDGE, see if you can spot the 200 or so copies of the ADVERTISER that one of our readers saw dumped in a waste skip.
So fitting.

PROMOTION

EYE would like to congratulate MR. S.A.THISTELTON (one of the TAMESIDE COUNCIL Managers featured in EYE 43's "Bosses on the Fiddle" article). Despite his rather dubious behaviour in connection with that item, he has recently been promoted and is now a Supervisor after only 12 months in the job. We're not sure exactly what he'll be supervising, but as we were the first to predict that he was being groomed for stardom, we'll be watching his career with interest.

BOB'S ORGAN

TAMESIDE's most virtuous publican, 'HOLY' BOB BYRNE has been at it again. Yet another undesirable group of degenerates has been ousted from his new pub the DOG & PARTRIDGE in ASHTON. We rang ROBERT to confirm rumours that he had ejected the local branch of the LONE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION, and he exploded into paroxysms of rage. "Disgusting . . . war heroes ... poetry filth ..." he spluttered. "The Lone Parents' Association", we prompted. Realising his blunder, Byrne conceded that they hadn't liked his beer and wouldn't pay the hire charge on the room. L.P.A. Secretary MRS. PRICE claimed that St.BOB raised the price to such an extent it was impossible to meet there. Another spokesperson says that his Eminence had told two of their widows, "We don't want bloody old pensioners in here." As you may remember, BOB is trying to attract the kind of clientele "who enjoy a sing-song round the organ." We suggest he install stained glass windows and contact PAT MCANANEY, and other clued-up moral re-armers.

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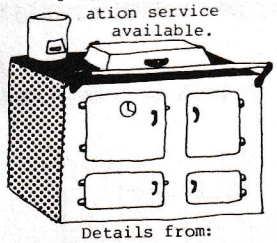

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Recently, Tameside's TAXI DRIVERS received a letter from BERNARD SHAW, the LICENSING OFFICER, telling them not to overfill taxi ranks. They were warned that they risked prosecution and loss of Licensing Plates. *Yet there are only 90 rank places for over 140 taxis.* relations between the COUNCIL and taxi drivers have reached a new low. As shown in EYE 33, the business is already cut-throat. Readers will recall the Black Cab White Plates were changing hands for over £6,000 at the time.

CLOCKED

Watch out for WESSEXWELL HEATING SYSTEMS of BOLTON. They can be found in your local Supermarket flogging various home improvement schemes. We hear that they employ sales people without written contracts, or suitable method of clocking on. Strange things happen when pay day arrives, when there's no way of proving how many hours have been worked. The firm reckons they can get away with underpaying people and refusing to believe their staff worked the hours they claim. WESSEXWELL have already been refused access to the JOB CENTRE, and one of their victims is proceeding with legal action.

REPLAY

There's currently an Action Replay going on between TAMESIDE TRADES COUNCIL and the TUC. A while ago the TUC bureaucrats put the boot into the TRADES COUNCIL for discussing NORTHERN IRELAND. The result was that a new TRADES COUNCIL was set up, by the TUC. The Secretary of the banned TRADES COUNCIL, DAVE HALLSWORTH, was re-elected! Now, following the showing of a video on NORTHERN IRELAND, the TUC - in the form of paper-shuffler MONKS - is threatening to disaffiliate the new TRADES COUNCIL they set up.

EMBARRASSMENT

Looking over the border into GLOSSOP, we see all is not well with one MR. C. JACKSON, ex-Tory COUNCILLOR JACKSON owes £1,000 rent to the local branch of AGE CONCERN and the same again to a local petrol firm. He recently bid for a small plot of Council owned land on MARKET STREET, GLOSSOP. Jackson wants to expand his debt-ridden taxi firm. But he vigourously denies using "inside knowledge" he gained whilst still a Councillor, despite allegations by a rival taxi operator. JACKSON has become such an embarrassment to local HIGH PEAK Tories that he was given a strong LABOUR seat to fight this May, which he promptly lost.

TAKING CARE

Ever conscious of their image, the Administration Dept. of TAMESIDE COLLEGE have moved the Caretaker's Office away from the Reception Area to a disused and dingy changing room behind the Drama Studio. He's none too pleased about the decline in the standards of his accomodation. Visitors to the COLLEGE will now be treated to a New Improved Reception, with smart looking offices, carpet, curtains, expensive decor, and...no caretaker spoiling the view. Interestingly enough, the COLLEGE has just been awarded a huge sum from the MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION to be used in the 'training' of jobless TAMESIDE youth. No doubt they'll be pleased with their new Reception Area.too.

IN COUNCIL

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"WHY NOT BANGKOK?" In the face of potential electoral embarrassment, LIBRARIES and ARTS Cllrs. LES GREENHOUGH and PAT HASLAM dutifully trotted off to LINCOLN to preview the "nudiest" show ever seen at TAMESIDE THEATRE. It was so good that PAT fell asleep in it. It still went ahead, as neither Elected MEMBER had the courage to ban it for being so boring. The Boys in Blue paid an equally dutiful visit, but so far have not prosecuted "adventurous" Theatre Manager, R.JACK CLARK, for their free night out.

Tory has-been, Cllr. COLIN GRANTHAM, was to be seen at a March COUNCIL meeting supporting a grant to the local CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU. Clearly the Party Line on CABs had fallen on deaf ears in COLIN's case, as his LONDON bosses were in the process of cutting off the NATIONAL CAB grant.

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The closet Tory, S.FOOTE, whose letters appeared in the local Press without him declaring his interest in being elected in HURST Ward, ASHTON, told potential voters that he would close down RYECROFT HALL, HYDE TOWN HALL, and STALYBRIDGE TOWN HALL, if elected. There's little doubt this stupidity contributed to the ousting of the TORY candidate in AUDENSHAW, where the threatened closure of RYECROFT HALL nearly caused local riots last year. PETER JEPSON, the LABOUR victor in AUDENSHAW, showed FOOTE's address to anyone who'd read it.

His Tory opponent, sister of the outgoing COUNCILLOR, EDITH PROCTOR, said FOOTE wasn't an 'official' candidate, but it did her no good.

Following the Local Government elections, the LABOUR Group of COUNCILLORS are assured of control until May 1986. Their majority is such that it is virtually impossible for them to lost control in May 1984, especially given the poor state of the opposition parties' organisation. Then, in May 1985, there are only COUNTY COUNCIL elections. It remains to be seen what the LABOUR Group intend to do with their iron grip on the BOROUGH.

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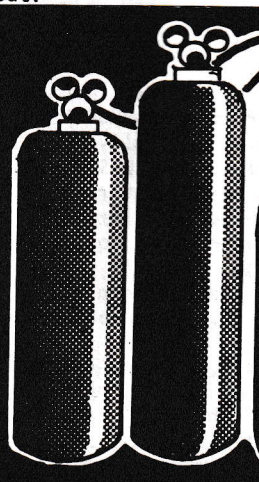
A major feature of any local election campaign is the plastering of the vicinity with multi-coloured posters proclaiming the name and party of prospective candidates. Mossley residents will no doubt be wondering where the posters were for Conservative candidate JAMES BARKS. Was he so confident of gaining this Labour stronghold that he decided not to bother? No, he just forgot to get to the printers on time.



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clarke street Revisited

When is a highway not a highway? How many entrances does a man need? Who decides where yellow lines should be painted? Where does CLIVE WILLIAMS practise his fire eating? These and other burning issues are discussed in this fact-packed article on the most controversial street story since DIEDRE & KEN.

Last issue we reported how local businessman CLIVE WILLIAMS of PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING has been in dispute with fellow traders over such complex issues as planning permission and rights of way. CLIVE is well known to the people of TAMESIDE He graces the pages of local papers fairly regularly. Usually in connection with one or other of his bizarre inventions. The "Patent Spaghetti Fork" for example, or the "Revolutionary Ward Chair", of which we are reliably informed he has yet to make one sale. He last hit the headlines when he installed a telephone in his toilet so as to be able to accept business calls at the same time as nature calls. Although amusing, this publicity-seeking mania has, on occasion, led to bad feeling.

Take for example the GUIDE BRIDGE boat race. An event organised locally to make money for charity. Firms, pubs and clubs in the area agree to raise cash by various means over a period of weeks, culminating in a boat race on the canal, and a carnival procession through the streets of ASHTON. A feature introduced last year was that the organisation raising the largest amount of money was to be presented with a trophy .

We spoke to representatives of the OXFORD MILLS INSTITUTE AND SOCIAL CLUB who agreed to become involved in the event for the first time last year. Sadly they decided it would also be the last time. MR TREVOR ELTON, the club's secretary, told us that this was entirely due to WILLIAM's handling of the affair. "He's just a glory hunter," was his reaction. Apparently the club raised £1,300 altogether, by far the largest amount and well over a quarter of the total fugure. They worked incredibly hard, the most successful event being a sponsored walk from SHEFFIELD to MANCHESTER. Other events included concerts, bingo sessions and collections. But not once did a reporter come anywhere near the place. CLIVE WILLIAMS on the other hand was attracting plenty of attention, mainly in the REPORTER thanks to his good friend MAURICE KING. The situation became so daft that MAURICE's boss has since forbidden him to do any more stories about WILLIAMS.

During this period of time regular meetings were being held at the CORPORATION public house. These proved to be so farcical that the Club had difficulty persuading its members to attend. A committee member told us, "WILLIAMS had the whole thing sewn up." So sewn up, in fact, that, come the great day, only one float featured in the REPORTER. Yes, you guessed it, PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING hit the front the page. Yet it seems that CLIVE's firm raised less than £100.

Besides running three companies, he sits on eight worthy local committees and is a trustee of the local Conservative Club. His present house is 20 WEST PARK in the posh end of GEE CROSS. A previous occupant of no.. 20 was G.HAMPSON, the charity representative of the MASSADA MASONIC LODGE CLIVE is anti-union, and in 1974 he did not hesitate to travel to SOUTH AFRICA to try to sell his company's products.

When we spoke to him he denied strenuously that he had used his position as director of the MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY to get his own way, as far as having the area around his factory designated a no waiting zone. Although the initial notice from G.M.C. did state that "No Waiting proposals will ensure that commercial vehicles can gain access to and from industrial premises in the area." Which would suit CLIVE down to the ground. As you may remember, he has been involved in a long running feud with local traders regarding his right of way through CLARKE STREET. The street is unadopted and WILLIAMS has always claimed that he has the right to use it as an entrance to his works, with the result that large lorries trundle up and down CLARKE STREET despite the fact that it is narrow and cobbled, and PROGRESSIVE have another entrance in nearby KERSHAW STREET. WILLIAMS is angry with N.W.DIVE SYSTEMS, who occupy premises in CLARKE STREET. When a customer arrives to load up from N. W.DIVE, WILLIAMS finds his lorries can't get through. He even wrote to one of N.W.DIVE's clients threatening to sue if they blocked "His" entrance again! A look around the area shows that there is in fact no-where else to park. As N.W.DIVE pointed out in their letter of objection to GMC they need to have unloading space next to their premises as some of their customers have to wait long periods of time for heavy air tanks to be filled. On the 7 October they received a reply stating that their objections had been noted, but the ~~subcommittee~~ had decided to go ahead.

N.W.DIVE got in touch with the WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT who suggested that they contest the Council's right to make it a NO WAITING ZONE, when in fact the street is unadopted and the two traders on either side are responsible for its upkeep. G.M.C. said that the law was on their side. If they ever feel that the street is in a poor state of repair, they can mend it and send the bill to the people responsible for the street.

However the RIGHTS UNIT did some research. They discovered that the Council could only take this high-handed approach if the street was classed as a "Highway". So what constitutes a "Highway"? Two things, firstly if the owners designate it as such, which they haven't, and secondly if the public are able to pass and repass along it. Well, the only reason anyone would have to use CLARKE STREET as a highway is to visit either PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING or DEEP FREEZE SUPPLIES, and as we reported in EYE 43, the street has been closed to enable both companies to expand their properties. The Council appear to have backed down. They painted yellow lines everywhere in the area except CLARKE STREET. WILLIAMS on the other hand does not appear to have backed down. He has taken out an injunction to prevent N.W.DIVE or their customers from blocking his entrance and is going to court to defend his right of way, and in his opinion its "an open and shut case."

MR WILLIAMS was quite keen to talk He refuted a number of the points we made in EYE 43. He denied being a friend of COUNCILLORS PETIT and OLDHAM. "I know them from various committees and meetings"; he also denied that he had ever built without planning permission; and he asked us to point out that the sign he erected to local residents consternation "Is not neon, it is in fact illuminated". As far as the closure of the street was concerned "I had nothing to do with it, it was DEEP FREEZE SUPPLIES". When we read him a section of an article that had appeared in the REPORTER 18 - 9 - 81 which said "DEEP FREEZE SUPPLIES and PROGRESSIVE ENGINEERING have successfully applied to TAMESIDE to close CLARKE STREET", he insisted that he was not responsible. He was obviously a little worried that we were going to tarnish his image. "I hope you don't paint me as being awfully black," he pleaded, "I'm not a religious person but I do try my best."

Hardly the fiery quote we expected especially as on of CLIVE's hobbies is fire eating. Perhaps he's afraid he'll have to eat his words.

THE BATHO FILE

An industrial accident is trouble enough for anyone, particularly where a claim is involved. The case of MR. BATHO is extraordinarily complex, even bizarre.

In 1976, while working for a firm called LANCS CHEMICALS, a piece of rusty roof fell on him, striking him on the head. He was taken to the Out Patients section of TAMESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL. An X-ray of his head revealed no serious damage. However, within a couple of days he began to suffer serious back pains. This is not unusual. Many injuries of a sudden nature can result in a whiplash effect, and may lead to serious back injury.

MR. BATHO was referred to HYDE PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE, a private clinic that treats patients under contract to the NATIONAL HEALTH. It was there that he first received treatment from one of TAMESIDE's top consultants, MR. CONNOLLY, who conducted his first examination with all the speed and professionalism we have to come to expect from a man in his position. He diagnosed "Suspected crushed factor of the vertabrae". So, MR. BATHO contacted his Union who hired MR. KANAVAN of Solicitors EDWIN MONKS in MANCHESTER, to make a claim for compensation due to industrial injury.

OPINION

In due course KANAVAN contacted CONNOLLY for a report. In the Consultant's opinion there was nothing wrong with his patient. All he needed to do was to return to work. He even went as far as to say that MR. BATHO had a psychological problem and recommended a visit to a psychiatrist. MR. CONNOLLY is an osteopath.

NO GOOD

This was not doing MR. BATHO's claim any good at all; it had caused his sick pay to be halved, as he was now assessed as having 15% disability rather than the original 30%.

On his Solicitor's recommendation he went as a private patient to JOHN STREET in MANCHESTER. It seems that it was about this time that records started to go astray. Medical information was being required by his Solicitor, HYDE PHYSIOTHERAPY, JOHN ST., MANCHESTER ROYAL, and CHEADLE ROYAL, where he was now seeing a Psychiatrist. With all this to-ing and fro-ing, it was bound to take time to get everything sorted out. The problem is that it hasn't been cleared up to this date - *because the records disappeared!*

It is necessary to introduce new facts at this point in MR. BATHO's saga. For we have seen his almost complete medical records, and they make fascinating reading, whether you are a medical expert or not.

CONNOLLY maintains throughout that MR. BATHO's problem is entirely psychological, and that physically, there is nothing wrong. One report dated 18th June 1981 says:

"There would be little alternative than to regard his situation as frank malingering in my view".

MR. BATHO was quite keen to return to work, but had great difficulty passing a medical to certify him fit to do so. Then in 1977, he got a job for two years. He worked wearing a back brace, and a high neck collar. He had difficulty standing, even for short periods, and as time went by he became irritable and aggressive.

KEEN

CONNOLLY was keen from the start to get MR. BATHO to a psychiatrist. The aggression seemed out of character. On 3rd March 1981, the psychiatrist wrote in a report:

"I am now of the opinion , having seen him on a weekly basis for some four months, that his symptoms are genuine and result from the injuries he received in the accident at work".

Over a year earlier, another medic had written:

"I suggest that his Tranxene tablets be stopped, as Benzoizopines sometimes cause paradoxical aggression."

UNBALANCED

In fact, an examination of the records shows that shortly before he gave up work in 1979, MR. BATHO was taking up to 8 Distalgesics a day, in addition to Modiveratil, Declanese, Mogadon, Tranxene, and Aritrytyline. No wonder he appeared unbalanced.

Eventually, in February 1983, his Solicitor managed to obtain the complete records. MR.BATHO claims that this was the fifth attempt to gain access to full records. The HOSPITAL deny this, saying they acted on one official request from the Solicitor in February 1983.

EYE spoke to MR. KANAVAN, who told us he had asked for the release of the records on two occasions. He also believed that the other side's lawyers had made two attempts too.

MR. GICK, the DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY Administrator, refused to comment, as the case is now under REGIONAL investigation.

Before the records were released, a written assurance had to be given that no legal action against the HOSPITAL would be taken.

UNFAIR

We spoke to the PATIENT LIAISON OFFICER at the HOSPITAL, MR. DUGDALE. He told us that this "technically correct", but the way MR. BATHO had phrased it was "unfair". We also asked MR. DUGDALE about a conversation that took place between himself and MR. BATHO, that went like this:

DUGDALE:"I know that you feel let down because we haven't sent you the complete copies and I don't know why this is..."
BATHO:"It is because MR. CONNOLLY has been vetting records."
DUGDALE:"Well, yes..."
BATHO:"And you know this is against the law".
DUGDALE:"Well, that depends..."

SINISTER

Asked if this was true, he said: *"If you can't give me an assurance that you won't quote me verbatim, I can't answer that allegation, but I can assure you that there is no sinister action being taken by the Hospital against Mr. Batho".*

ALARMING

Maybe not, but an examination of MR. BATHO's files reveals an alarming number of discrepancies. In one case a whole month of treatment is missing; one page showed that MANCHESTER ROYAL had examined someone else, instead of MR. BATHO and declared him fit! They later wrote and apologised for this, but it was already another nail in the coffin for MR. BATHO's claim.

MR. CONNOLLY refused to talk with the EYE. He also seems to be avoiding a meeting with MR. BATHO. An appointment was agreed for 18th November in 1982, but cancelled by CONNOLLY. This has happened several times, and he has even prescribed a new neck collar without having seen MR. BATHO since 1981.

INACCURATE

The HOSPITAL may well have nothing to "hide", but htey are responsible for MR. BATHO's records, which went missing for a long period of time, and when they did turn up, were inaccurate.

This has cost MR. BATHO much expense and trouble. As far as his claim was concerned, he got just £750 for industrial injury. Had he had access to his full medical records, MR. BATHO would have been able to present a much fuller and, perhaps, better, case.

The final confusion goes back to MR. GICK, who declined to comment as the case was under investigation. But MR. BATHO has been lead to believe the REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY is refusing to handle the case. What will happen now is anybody's guess.

DEPORT DEADLINE

Readers of the local papers will be aware of the case of VINOD CHAUHAN who recently lost his appeal against a deportation order. VINOD has now appealed to the Immigration Tribunal in London, his last chance before the "powers that be" send him back to his homeland. VINOD came to this country some five years ago in order to get married, but unfortunately within twelve months his marriage broke down, and beforelong a Deportation Order arrived from the Home Office.

Why? the Home Office claimed that VINOD's marriage was one of "convenience", as it had not lasted longer than twelve months.

Yet, VINOD has hundreds of friends in this country, he has a job, and is a model citizen. If he has to return to INDIA he would not have a job. He has been blacklisted in his own country as a union activist. The Home Office Adjudicator who ruled against VINOD was well aware of all of these points . He even made references to them in his report. "No way can it be alleged that the marriage was one of convenience" and "There is a large expression of local public support which we must take into account". Yet the decision was taken and VINOD'S fate is still in the balance. If this final ruling goes against him, and the Home Office feel that he is likely to disappear then they can arrest him and detain him at Risley Remand Centre.

Someone who already knows wnat its like to languish in an English prison for being of the wrong race is ANWAR MOHAMMED of BOLTON . In 1974 he fled from South Africa after being tortured by the police. After some time he entered this country as an illegal immigrant, got a job and decided to stay He fell into debt and was arrested for signing cheques on an empty bank account. Anwar has been detained in STRANGEWAYS PRISON for twelve months now without a trial. As an illegal immigrant he has no rights at all, he is in effect a "Non-person", the authorities decided in February of this year to have him "removed" back to SOUTH AFRICA. Anwar knows that if he goes back he will be arrested, tortured, and probably killed, so he has gone on hunger strike, saying he may as well die now as die in SOUTH AFRICA at the hands of the police. Because ANWAR is a non-person, he does not have the luxury of appeal or tribunal, he has been denied political asylum because the signing of the cheques was considered criminal activity. Although it did not merit a court case hearing of any kind.

VINOD and ANWAR are threatened by Home Office rulings which have never been discussed in, or approved by, PARLIAMENT. The MINISTERS at the Home Office responsible for Immigration cases (currently DR GERARD VAUGHAN and WILLIE WHITELAW) rule as they see fit. Usually, these rulings are dreamt up by (white) civil servants in their comfortable Home Office surroundings. VINOD's deportation order will have had Ministerial approval - somewhere along the line. The practice is known as "Administration Interpretive". Immigration Officers keep people under surveillance, the information is then collected in a central computer, with constant checks and updates being made.

The handling of both cases is sickening, and if this has made you feel as angry as we did reporting it, then you can do something. Write firstly to the Home Secretary and secondly to your local M.P. If you require further information, get in touch with REV. PAUL WELLER chairman of the VINOD CHAUHAN defence campaign, on 061 330 7789. EYE would like to thank REVEREND WELLER for his help in compiling this article.

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This matter is being dealt with by Mr. [redacted] at our Salford office
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For some unimaginable reason our scribblings have not always met with universal approval and from time to time affronted readers have taken up their pens. Some have even had recourse to their legal representatives ...

ABUSIVE LETTERS

CRAP

To The Editor,

I would just like to voice my opinion about your paper if that is what you can truthfully call it. Personaly (sic) I would call it a load of crap! And as for the people who write to you they are as bad as you, as for as [redacted]

The sooner we get your paper off the streets the better and dont worry we shall have a damn good try.

EYE REPLY: THIS LETTER WAS ANONYMOUS. BUT WOULD ALL OUR SANE CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE SUPPLY THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS WHICH WE WILL WITH HOLD ON REQUEST. □

SCUM

81 Moorfield Crescent,
Hattersley,
Mottram,
Cheshire

Dear Editor,

In your paper, issu[e] no. 21 dated [redacted]

You and the degnerate (sic) scum who help you are too frightened to print your own name and address, you hide behind a paper which means you are nothing but cowards. Come into the open so you can be investigated.

Yours for destroying TAMESIDE EYE,
H. Bradshaw. □

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your recent publication and I admire your courage in what I think may be fairly described as extreme leftwing investigative journalism. I admire your courage, as being a Doctor I have in the past seen the way in which certain members of our community take into their hands their own means of redress (not legal) as a result of your journalistic efforts. It would seem a great pity as if in the past it has been rumoured that the only monumemt to your activities would be in a concrete pillar on some new motorway. [redacted] as to [redacted] yourself [redacted] publication.

Yours faithfully,
DR. W.D. Ashworth
Manse Cott. Matley Lane,
Stalybridge.

EYE REPLY: TAMESIDE EYE NON PROFIT MAKING [redacted] 15p COVER [redacted]

RUBBISH

54A Manchester Road,
Greenfield,
Oldham.

Sir,

I am sorry that I have wasted fifteen pence on the enclosed load of rubbish. Afer reading it I really do not know which section of the population you are aiming at. It seems just the job for miseries, general belly achers, frustrated spinsters and extreme naive socialists. Perhaps you should put a warning on the outside. I am returning it to you because I do not want to foil our dustbin with it.

DR. A. D. ATHERTON

EYE REPLY - Thanks for the unwanted copy. We sold it again. READERS might like to know that DR. ATHERTON failed as a Tory Candidate in the Saddleworth Local Elections last year. He eats far too many meat pies at Greenfield Cricket Club disco's and has a peculiar British Rail sign on his house. □

WHISTLES WE HAVE BLOWN

TAMESIDE EYE has always been first to blow the whistle on rip-offs, fiddles, con-men and cover-ups.

"A CLEAR CASE OF ENTRENCH

CORRUPTION

This young worker was described in court as a "scapegoat" fo "corrupt racket

JOHN AND

We've come across month we've found HE'S JOHN WARDLE HILTON, or possibl false names to ge

CHEMSTAR DISASTER

Would YOU buy a second hand car off this man?

BARRY SHEPHERD runs a small second-hand car business on Cowhill Lane in ASHTON, called GBS 500. But some of his customers and suppliers are unhappy with the way he handles his affairs....

'Why

DRUG SCANDAL..

WHY WOMEN ARE WORRIED ABOUT HAVING BABIES AT TAMESIDE HOSPITAL

SHEILA PAPE, OF GLOSSOP, WAS GIVEN A DANGEROUS CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION BY TAMESIDE HOSPITAL DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE IS ROMAN CATHOLIC AND DID NOT WANT THE DRUG.
SHEILA AND MANY OTHER TAMESIDE WOMEN HAVE

The Dean Story-Pa

Being how HARRY, ROGER, and JOHN their fortunes by never missing a tri

PROPERTY DEALERS, SLUM LANDLORDS, MONEYLENDERS: THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS HYDE FAMILY HAVE TOUCHED

Although TAM ailable in o have always fit to censo customers by SIDE's only ine.

The worlds largest secret society has over 60 lodges in the area.... EYE INVESTIGATES...

FREEMASONS

IS THIS MAN YOUR BOSS? More secrets of the local Freemasons

If you like good food, fine booze and lots of time off from the wife, and learning nonsense by heart, THE MASONS are just the job for you.
Take EDWARD ARCHER of 73 GROSVENOR RD. HYDE. He started off with one trouser leg rolled up and a noose round his neck humbly seeking admittance to NEWTON LODGE. But nowadays he's the chapter "scribe", the "scribe" of its "Royal Arch chapter", and officer of the "Grand Lodge of Ma sons", a "holy Roy

The curious gentleman in the photograph is "*a poor candidate in a state of darkness...humbly soliciting to be admitted to the mysteries and privileges of FREEMASONRY*".

THE MUMBO JUMBO MEN

What a stir we caused with our exposé of the local FREEMASONS and their curious secret ceremonies. There was a rumour that our "mole" was none other than WORSHIPFUL BROTHER THE DUKE OF KENT.

The Last Word

We thought it would be interesting to contact a few of our worthy citizens (and some less worthy ones) to seek their reactions to the end of TAMESIDE EYE as we know it. We have to confess that we were pleasantly surprised, and not a little moved, by some of the comments.

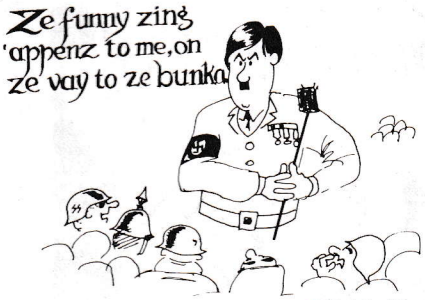
Local LABOUR Leader, cuddly uncle ROY OLDHAM, said:*"I know you've poked fun at me. I don't think it was malicious, and I'll be sorry to see it go. It's never let people easily off the hook, when it comes to reporting matters that may be considered unpleasant".* We never considered you all that unpleasant, ROY.

ADVERTISER Editor, BYRON CHATTERBOX, had this to say, before asking us if we had any good stories he could borrow:*"I've always found it vaguely amusing".* Which is fair enough, we've always found the ADVERTISER amusingly vague.

TORY Cllr. JOHN BELL, whose most recent claim to fame was being told to *"Shut up!"* by ROY OLDHAM, was a little more positive. *"I feel it had a role to play. I don't believe in it's political content, but I do believe in the freedom of the Press".*

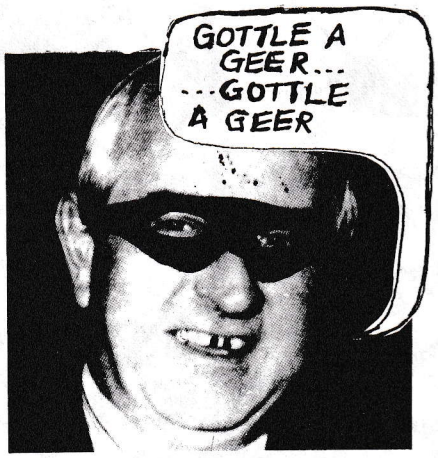
Next, DONALD THORPE, the Tory reknowned for his stand on nuclear schools, or was it comprehensive missiles? *"I haven't always agreed with everything you've said, but I'll be sorry to see you off the newstands".*

Somewhat ambiguous that one! We're not sure if he likes us at all, In fact we were beginning to tire of people being nice, so we called up FRANK DAWBER of the NATIONAL FRONT. Although, he had objected to being called a NAZI in the past, he continued:*"I must feel that the Right have far more sense of humour than the Left".*



In desperation, we rang COLIN GRANTHAM. We were not disappointed. The 'phone was answered by someone else, who went to fetch the man himself.
"It's TAMESIDE EYE", the voice said,
"You're joking", gasped an awestruck GRANTHAM.*"Just tell me why I should talk to you?"*
"Well, we..."
"I object very strongly to all the personal rubbish you print".
We explained to COLIN who is obviously a keen EYE reader that we were compiling our final issue and looking for quotable quotes. *"I certainly shan't miss you one way or another".* So, just to uphold our reputation, here is a picture of Cllr. GRANTHAM's personal rubbish...

Ex-MAYOR, PAT McENANEY, on the other hand, almost reduced us to tears:*"Oh, I am so sad, I really am, you've really upset me, I thought you did a really good job in exposing things I felt very strongly about, I was down in the COUNCIL Offices today have you seen them? Luxury personified. I bet they'll be laughing all the way to their desks when they hear you're finishing."* After we had explained why we were closing, he went on:*"I was going to have my tea, but I don't think I'll bother, you've upset me so much".*



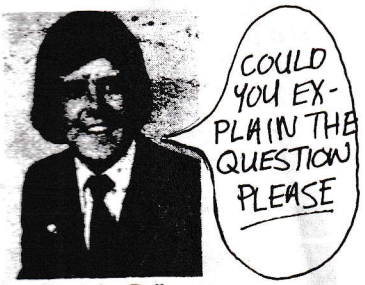
CLLR COLIN GRATHAM

Phew! and this is the man whose concern for the moral fibre of the nation is almost legendary.

Another local legend came on the line next, Cllr. GLYN FORD:*"We are looking for INTERESTING quotes..."* he was told. *"I'm very sad"*, he said. *"But that's what everyone says"* we protested. *"Then I reckon they're lying. I think it's a shame that all we're going to be left with is the very boring ADVERTISER and the excruciatingly boring REPORTER".*

MR BIRO CHATTERLY

We reckoned it was time for more negative thoughts, so we spoke with Cllr. JACK PETTIT:*"I'm not going to say I think you've done a good job. I think you've failed to report the positive things we've achieved. You pick us up on our mistakes, but we have done a lot of good and you should have told people what we did".*



Cllr John Bell

"Like what?" we asked, taken aback. *"Well, I'm not sure"*, came the reply.

Would-be MAYORESS, Cllr. LENA EASON, felt:*"One or two things have been funny, one or two have been true, and one or two have been just a little bit naughty".* But nice, eh LENA?

The list of COUNCILLORS had run out. We decided to ring a couple of our favourite scoundrels. We tracked down ROBERT WRIGLEY just as he was about to open his innings at UPPERMILL CRICKET CLUB. We put our standard question to him, and there was an exceptionally long pause, before *"I can't think of anything to say".*

So we tried provocation:*" Have their been any more developments on your Dormers, or indeed Dormers on your developments?".*

"No." Perhaps he couldn't understand the question.

When we contacted a MR. N. A. LEON HOWARD of HELICO (MANCHESTER) LIMITED, he said:*"He who laughs last laughs loudest".*

We always though that the one who laughed last was the last one to get the joke!

YOUR RIGHTS

NEW HOUSING BENEFIT

By now, most people will have heard of the new scheme which the Government have brought in to replace Rent and Rates Rebates, and to replace the help with Housing costs which the D.H.S.S. used to give people on Supplementary Benefit. The scheme was originally going to be called "UNIFIED HOUSING BENEFIT", but when the Government realised it was not going to be "unified" at all, but just as confusing as the old method, the "unified" element was dropped.

HOW IT WORKS

IF YOU ARE ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT, then the D.H.S.S. will no longer give you Benefit to include your Housing costs. Instead, you will be able to claim Housing Benefit for your rent and rates from the Council.

If you own your own home, you will be able to get help with rates from the Council, whilst the D.H.S.S. will continue to give help with other Housing costs (including mortgage interest, water rates, and £1.70 per week for household maintenance and insurance).

PART-TIME

Many claimants will not be getting enough Housing Benefit to cover all their Housing costs. For example, they may work part-time; they may be on a Pension or on Sickness or Invalidity Benefit; they may have a non-dependent living with them who is on Unemployment Benefit. However, although they are not entitled to claim Supplementary Benefit or unable to get more from the D.H.S.S., they *may* be entitled to an extra payment from the Council, called Housing Benefit Supplement.

If you get this topping-up payment you may also be entitled to help from the D.H.S.S. in the way of lump sum payments for special needs, as well as being able to claim free prescriptions, glasses, and so on.

IF YOU ARE NOT ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT, then you must claim Housing Benefit direct from the Council. This is just like the old rent and rates rebates, and you can claim it whether or not you are in work, or are on a pension, even if you have quite a high income. For example, if you work full-time and have three children, and your rent is about £13 per week and your rates £7, it's worth claiming Housing Benefit - even if you earn up to £150 per week!

Many people are going to have some problems with the new scheme, especially if they were on Supplementary Benefit before. If *you* have any problems, don't forget the old message - *GET ADVICE!*

SOCIAL INSECURITY

When an Ashton woman was pregnant with her third child, she was evicted from her home, because her alcoholic husband had forced them into debt.

She spent over a year in the Family Homeless Unit, but her optimism returned when she was told that soon she could move into her own Council house. She needed some furniture and asked the DHSS for help. Under the Single Payments scheme she was entitled to claim, and was sent to get three quotes, the cheapest possible for the items..She did this within a week.

That was in February. In April she finally received cheques for only three items enabling her to move into the new home. But she was still without a cot for her nine month old baby.

After repeated phone calls she finally got the required cheque, but the cot had already been sold. The retailer himself had attempted to speed the process up, without success. So the baby (now ten months old) still sleeps in a pram, as it's too lively for a bed.

All of this simply because the DHss insists that certain items must be the cheapest available - cots inclusive! - and gives the client very little choice over where to spend that hard-gained money. The cheque even comes with the name of the retailer on it.

Now the same woman is having to search the streets for a public telephone that works in order to badger the DHSS over an increase in her Supplementary Benefit, that should have begun three weeks ago. When the increase was checked and okayed, she suggested that it was a good job that she had got in touch to the DHSS Official, to which he replied, "But thats your duty, Mrs. ....."

The welfare state was intended to cushion us against disaster when it strikes, but it becomes more rigid as the Tories cut costs, staffing levels, and benefit levels.

The ultimate motive of the DHSS seems to be one of demoralising those people who need to claim supplementary benefit.

Just who is serving who?

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WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND TAMESIDE

EVENTS

HATTERSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, Hattersley Road East, Hattersley
Throughout May and June COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP will be working in the GRAND CANYON, the youth and play centre beneath the community centre, offering workshops and activities related to the opening of the CANYON.
More information from Guy Heppner on (061) 368 8513

HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOCIETY

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Forthcoming events
17th MAY
Society Policy Meeting at Diggle Hotel, at 7.45 p.m.
19th MAY
Illustrated talk"The raging river of Anapurna" by Dr Robin Witter at the Cross Keys, Uppermill,7 pm
ASPLEY BASIN
24th MAY at 7 p.m.
Guided walk along the towpath of the Huddersfield Canal.
Information: David Finnis on Huddersfield 846087
15th - 17th JULY
TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL at the Portland Basin, ASHTON. Further details from Mrs H Maskell on Mossley 3992.
More information from Membership Secretary, Huddersfield Canal Society Limited, 38 Paris Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, Huddersfield.
Tel. Holmfirth 5022

MOSSLEY CARNIVAL
Saturday 21st MAY

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Road, ASHTON
20th MAY
The Reporter Awards Night

MUSIC

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Road, ASHTON
29th MAY
George Melly with John Chilton's Feet Warmers

FESTIVAL THEATRE
Corporation Street, HYDE
21st MAY at 7.30 p.m.
Hyde Festival Association present an Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan with the Cantata Solo Singers
£1.80
More information from 25 Manor Park Road, Glossop. Tel. 2357

ASHTON TOWN HALL
The Lounge
23rd MAY
Annual General Meeting
Tameside Music Society
More information from Libraries & Arts Dept.

The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY FESTIVAL '83
AT THE CORN EXCHANGE
UNTIL JUNE 11

MAY 10-21 STREET CAPTIVES BY JONATHAN MOORE — The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY
MAY 23-25 NATIONAL THEATRE OF BRENT "THE MESSIAH" BY PATRICK BARLOW
MAY 26-28 PAINES' PLOUGH "WELCOME HOME" BY TONY MARCHANT
MAY 31 -JUNE 11 MASTERPIECES BY SARAH DANIELS — The Royal Exchange THEATRE COMPANY

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DRAMA

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Road, ASHTON
26th - 28th MAY at 7.30 pm
DUKINFIELD A.O.D.S.
"The Happiest Days of Your Life" - a farce.
£1.25 (Concessions £1)
Tickets from the Theatre or 70 Montague Road.

GUIDE BRIDGE THEATRE
Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw
330 8078
4th - 11th JUNE at 7.45 pm
"The Crucible" by Artur Miller
£1.10 (Concessions: 35p, on Thursday only)

TIN ROOF THEATRE COMPANY
Haughton Green Young People's Centre,
Lancaster Road, Denton
320 5658
27th MAY at 7.30 p.m.
THE YORKSHIRE ACTORS' CO.
in
"BOUNCERS"
Four Bouncers in black suits, white shirts and bow ties, invite you to view the world of discos and nightclubs through their eyes. Funny and poignant, the show is an acute observation of people at play. Dance, mime and rapping technique are added to the acting talents of this lively new theatre company.

HATTERSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, Hattersley Road East, Hattersley
368 8513
7th JUNE at 7.30 p.m.
TAMESIDE COMMUNITY THEATRE
in
"Tales from Hawksmoor"
Characters from the past tell their own stories, which have more than a little relevance to the present.
75 p (50p Unwaged)

ACTION

PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR JOBS '83 passes through the North West on -
15th MAY ALTRINCHAM to WINSFORD
16th MAY WINSFORD to CREWE
17th MAY CREWE to STOKE
More information from the North West Regional Council of the TUC on (061) 308 4551.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY FOR DISARMAMENT.
MAY 24th.

JOIN US IN MOSSLEY.
From 10a.m. outside George Lawton Hall for a vigil.

At 2.30 on the Green(next to the library) for a picnic. We will be giving out peace dove badges,planting a tree and much more.
Ring Anne on Mossley 6347 for further details.

GREATER MANCHESTER CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT with MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 4th
City Centre Rally in Albert Square
"Keep Manchester Nuclear Free, Stop Cruise in '83"
More information from Bob Walder (061)431 4337

EXHIBITIONS

ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALLERY, Trinity Street, STALYBRIDGE
Times: 1 - 8 p.m., Tues - Fri; 9a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat.

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DROYLSDEN LIBRARY
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Until 31st MAY
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DENTON LIBRARY
Exhibition Area
Until 2nd JUNE
Victorian Sheet Music
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More information from Libraries & Arts Dept.

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY
Gallery
Until 8th JUNE
Greenfield Arts Group
FREE
More information from Libraries & Arts Dept.

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY
Gallery
11th JUNE - 2nd JULY
"One Eye on the Pot"
FREE

DENTON LIBRARY
Exhibition Area
2nd JUNE - 6th JULY
"Castles" - Photography Exhibition
FREE
More information from Libraries & Arts Dept.

HYDE LIBRARY
Exhibition Room
1st JUNE - 28th JULY
Archaeology Alive
FREE
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DROYLSDEN LIBRARY
Gallery
6th JUNE - 4th JULY
North West Museums and Arts Galleries
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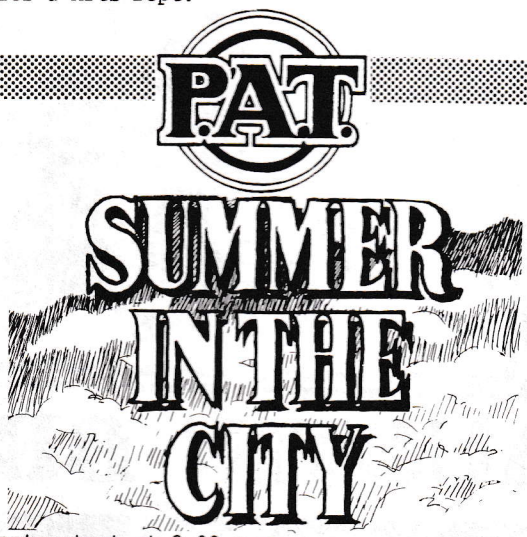

All events start at 8.00 p.m.

MAY		
Wednesday	18th	Burnt Bridges in "SPECIAL POWERS" UMIST Students Union
Saturday	21st	Soyikwa African Theatre in "IMBUMBA AND PULA". Birch Community Centre.
Wednesday	25th	Yorkshire Actors Company in "BOUNCERS". UMIST Students Union
JUNE		
Thursday	2nd	Batya Podos in "THE CUNNING WOMEN STORIES". Stories of the native American. Birch Community Centre.
Saturday	4th	M6 Theatre Company in "THE SAME OLD STORY" & "WHOSE BIKE IS IT ANYWAY?" Birch Community Centre.
Friday	24th	JAZIRA at UMIST Students Union. Ring to confirm.
Tuesday	28th	SIREN THEATRE, an all women group. UMIST Students Union.

FOR INFORMATION ON FURTHER SHOWS AND EVENTS PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO P.A.T., 3 BIRCH POLYGON, MANCHESTER M14. Telephone: (061) 224 0020.

Fringe Action...

FRINGE ACTION (N.W.) was formed in 1982 to represent the interests of groups and individuals involved in alternative theatre and performance in the N.W. Arts region. Membership is open to companies and performers based in the region presenting small and middle-scale work.

FRINGE ACTIONaims to encourage and facilitate the development of alternative theatre in the region by:
(1) Establishing a forum in which members can meet regularly on a formal and informal basis.

(2) Increasing the level of co-operation within the fringe by organising joint actions and sharing information on venues, contacts, equipment and other resources.

(3) Stimulating public and media interest and awareness of the rapidly developing body of small scale work inthe region.

(4) Expanding the opportunities for performances by local groups and pressing for the provision of suitable venues.

(5) Representing the interests of the 'fringe' in dealings with other bodies.

(6) Demanding better funding for locally based companies from both local and national sources.

FRINGE ACTION (N.W.) holds general meetings at two month intervals to which all members are invited. These meetings will start with a formal session to discuss business followed by a period for general socialising and will conclude with a performance by a member company which will also be open to general public. A steering group comprising one member of each company, will meet more frequently to frame policies and carry out decisions made at the general meetings.
For more information on FRINGE ACTION (N.W.) please contact PETER GLUCKSTEIN on 061 455 6087.

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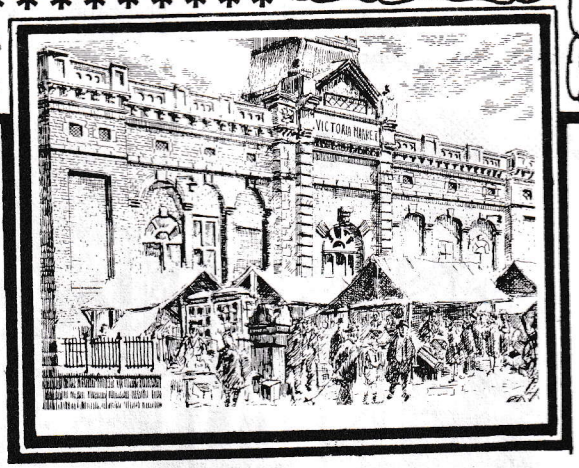

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Dear EYE,
The Morning Star.

What has surprised most people in the labour movement is the ease with which the Tories have maintained a strong position, in spite of their attacks on the living standards of the working class and their creation of massive unemployment.

Unfortunately, the Labour Party, geared as it is to an unsteady progress from election to election cannot really expect anything else. If the Tories are to be dislodged, a serious attempt will have to be made to mobilise millions in action on unemployment and the war threat. The People's March For Jobs '83 is only the start but shows what can be done.

The national press, with one exception, works for the Tories. The exception is the Morning Star which fights for the real interests of working people and the removal of the Tory government at the earliest opportunity. In the battle of ideas which must be carried out if Labour is to win the coming election, the Morning Star will play a vital role. No-one involved in this struggle can afford to be without this daily paper. Place an order with your newsagent and see for yourself how necessary the paper is to the developing political fight which lies ahead of the labour movement.

Yours fraternally,
FRANK CROPPER
Secretary, Tameside Communist Party,
11 Manor Farm Close, ASHTON,OL7 9LS.

DIARIES

Dear EYE,

It has come to my attention that you intend to publish a series of scurrilous articles under the title of *THE SECRET DIARIES OF E.R.BARRACLOUGH*.

No doubt these impudent forgeries will attempt to blacken my reputation with the most appalling and unfounded slurs.

I never imagined that even a muckraking journal such as yours would sink to the level of the gutter press in giving credence to such abominable libels.

Suffice it to say that should you publish the documents in your possession, I shall have no alternative but to place the matter in the hands of my solicitors, who will reduce your entire staff to such poverty that Izal lavatory paper will seem like a luxury.

Yours etc,
E.R.BARRACLOUGH
923 Union Street, Ashton

EYE REPLY: "Luxury". LUXURY!???????? Izal lavatory paper IS luxury. For some time we have been reduced to using strips of THE ADVERTISER hung on a piece of string off the loo handle.

HACK COUGHS

Dear Blind Eye,

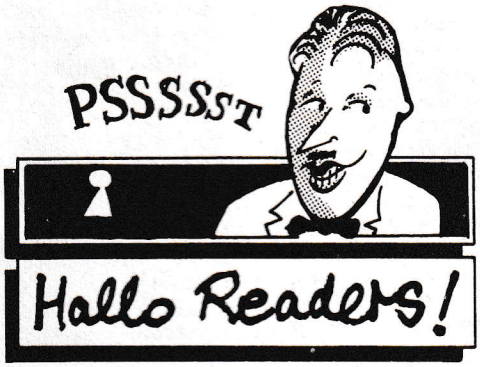
As one of the "bureaucrats who spend your money" I took the trouble to investigate your article alleging Tameside Council wasted £200 placing the same advertisement twice in the Evening News.

If your scribe Wretch - it was obviously written by a wretch if not by name then by nature - had bothered to do the same they would have learned the mistake was made by the News.

We only paid for one advertisement. If you were to take a leaf from your own dubious book you would suggest the "idiot responsible" coughed up some compensation for the injustice caused to my colleagues. But I doubt it.

Yours sincerely,
A.C.ROBINSON
Publicity Officer, Policy Co-Ordination Unit, Council Offices.

EYE REPLY: Cough! Sorry, Andrew. By way of compensation, we humbly offer you a free TAMESIDE EYE T-Shirt:"I never read Tameside Eye". Please tell us whether you want Small, Medium or Large, and it will be sent to you by return of post.



OBITUARY

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of SIR QUENTIN ST. JOHN WRETCH, A.F., B.S.F., and bar, distinguished local journalist, raconteur and champion of public morality.

SIR QUENTIN's body was found by a cleaner at SIDS, the STALYBRIDGE sportorama, while she was Ajaxing the ladies Jacuzzi, following a private booking by the STALYBRIDGE WOMEN'S "BODYWISE" CLUB. He was wearing scuba diving equipment and it is unclear whether he died from heart failure, or as a result of his air supply having run out. Family sources refused to speculate on reports that SIR QUENTIN was clutching an underwater Pentax SLR camera with zoom close-up attachment.

At a memorial service for SIR QUENTIN, held at "St. Barnabas for the Bomb" HATTERSLEY, the vicar, CANON J. BOWER said:"His passing is a great loss to those of us who stand for the old-fashioned virtues of discipline, obedience, and the freedom of the small businessman to avoid taxes".

A spokesman for the WHITE RATEPAYERS AGAINST THE ARTS Group, which SIR QUENTIN founded, said:" It is only thanks to this saintly man that TAMESIDE is not swarming with pornographic poetry cliques, hordes of women camping out in tepees, and homosexual Councillors handing out millions of pounds to gay scoutmasters."

A tearful BRYUN CHADERTON, trainee editor of a local newspaper which he gives away each week said: "The simple fact of the matter is, SIR QUENTIN was a guiding light, a beacon shining in the darkness, a lodestone in the wilderness, a knight in glistening armour, whose place I alone am fitted to take".

COUNCILLOR DONALD THORPE, who was being worked by COUNCILLOR COLIN GRANTHAM, said " A gottle of geer, a gottle of geer."

MOURNERS

Among the mourners were, MRS. DOREEN FONDUE-SET, DAME EDNA TUPPERWARE, both representing the GEE-CROSS-ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY- WHITE-RESIDENT MORAL-DECENCY-AND-TAX-DODGING-LEAGUE-OF-FRIENDS-OF-BUPA (1981) LIMITED.

Representing "TAMESIDE YOUTH FOR THE RESTORATION OF HANGING,GARROTING, CASTRATION, FIXING ELECTRODES TO THE BRAIN, AND THE SPANISH INQUISITION, was MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM from ASHTON YOUNG CONSERVATIVES.

Wreaths were received from "DENNIS & MARG", "INTERFLORA", LADY OLGA MAITLAND of WOMEN FOR THE TOTAL ERADICATION OF THE HUMAN RACE Group, and the JAMES ANDERTON FAN CLUB.

Sir Quentin leaves
Two gerbils,a
"Save our Falklands"
Teatowel and a
Large bookies bill.

Wretch

The Secret Diaries of E.R. BARRACLOUGH

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Here they are, then, the DIARIES. (We just can't resist a challenge - see Letters. Ed.). At enormous cost in human terms, we have had them verified by DER STUKA magazine of West Germany. After detailed negotiations they allowed a part-time secretary, one BRIEN KADDERTEN, to give them the once-over in his lunch-break.

APRIL 10th.

Mrs Barraclough is unwell again. She suffered several bouts of diarrhoea during the night. The smell in the lavatory was so unpleasant this morning that I was forced to use an entire bottle of disinfectant to disguise the odour. I do wish she would see a doctor, but as usual she has retired to her bedroom and taken the cat and the litter tray with her. She absolutely refuses to have the window open.

Some excellent news in the post. The Whiplash Rubber & Bondage Co of Bradford, Yorks., has informed me that my application for the post of Area Representative has been approved. They are forwarding copies of their illustrated catalogue, with samples of rubberwear and other items, under brown cover.

I shall have to explain this very carefully to Hilda, who nas still not recovered from my unfortunate encounter with the Constabulary in a Manchester urinal. I have made it abundantly clear to her on innumerable occasions that I was attired in a rah-rah skirt purely for the purposes of research into my forthcoming biography of Mozart, but she remains unconvinced and seems to regard me as some sort of squalid pervert!

APRIL 15th.

I finally managed to apprehend the youth who delivers our "Advertiser" and suggested that he might consider inserting the paper properly through the letter-box, instead of forcing it through in such a way as to reduce it to shreds. To my utter astonishment, he replied "Get stuffed, you old turd". I was so outraged by this impudent remark that I was momentarily rendered speechless. This appalling behavious is becoming all too common these days.

It came as no surprise to see yet another letter in "The Advertiser" from John Spencer. It seems curious to me that the Editor sees fit to publish this extremist drivel when my own correspondence on numerous important topics is totally ignored.

I recently set out to personally confront Mr. Chadderton about these ommissions, but regrettably my foot encountered a monstrous lump of fresh doggy excrement, which penetrated a hole in my shoe and forced me to turn back. I immediately dashed off a stiff letter to "The Advertiser", complaining about the prevalence of this unspeakable filth on our public thoroughfares, and suggested it would make an excellent fron-page story, highlighting as it did a serious risk to the community. Together with a photograph of myself pointing an accusing finger at the guilty turd, this would have made a story packed with local interest. Needless to say, it was not deemed worthy of publication.

MAY 2nd

After considerable delay my parcel from Whiplash Rubber & Bondage Co has finally arrived, delivered by a postman who seemed troubled with some kind of nervous affliction, which gave his face the appearance of a permanent smirk.

To my horror, I discovered that the parcel was marked *Has been opened for postal inspection*, which means that the entire staff of the sorting office are probably under the impression that I spend my time prancing round in rubber knickers and a latex maid's apron. Is nothing sacred any more?

I conveyed the parcel to the seclusion of the lavatory, where I was able to examine the contents away from the prying eyes of Mrs B, who may well jump to the same conclusions as the postman.

I was particularly pleased to get my Official Whiplash Agent's Card, which qualifies me to conduct "Kinky Kat" rubberwear parties in the privacy of clients' homes.

The cover of this month's issue of "Whiplash" magazine shows Mrs Thatcher, rather fetchingly attired in wet-look rubberwear, spanking naughty old General Galtieri with a hairbrush. Unfortunately, this has meant that the "Special Donkey Issue" has now been put off until next month. Personally, I'll be glad when this Falklands crisis is over so that things can get back to normal.

When Mrs Barraclough demanded immediate admittance , she was far too preoccupied with impending intestinal havoc to notice what I was up to.

JUNE 14th.

As I was strolling along Old Street this evening, a most astonishing circumstance occurred. A cruising car pulled in beside me and the driver leaned out and made the most revolting suggestion, apparently under the impression that I was a male prostitute! I naturally informed him, in no uncertain terms, that he had got hold of the wrong end of the stick (so to speak) and sent him on his way with a flea in his ear.

By a fortunate coincidence, I happened to meet a Police Officer and promptly alerted him to the sordid approach which had just been made to me.

To my utter amazement, the Constable replied: " It strikes me, sir, that if you weren't dressed as a woman, this might never have happened."

I can only say I was flabbergasted by his attitude. I fully realise that the Police aren't perhaps getting the best people into the force these days - but really, what are things coming to these days?

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